



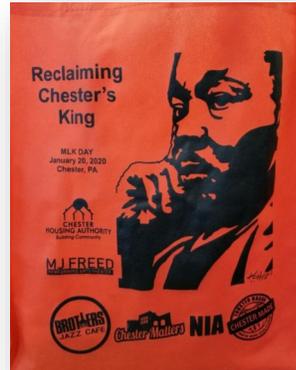
Building Block

Spring, 2020

Bag It Chester: Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 20, 2020, the Chester Housing Authority (CHA) and New Integrations Accommodations continued its reusable bag initiative, originally launched in Fall of 2019. The enterprise was co-founded by CHA Executive Director, Steven Fischer and Ulysses Slaughter who is a CHA consultant and a co-founder of the New Integrations Accommodations. Together, the duo voiced their call for an end to single-use plastic bags on Martin Luther King Day as they distributed 2,200 bright orange reusable bags all around the City of Chester. However, the two were not alone as an

estimated 250 volunteers from different organizations helped to distribute the bags honoring the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The groups included the athletic department from Penn State Brandywine, volunteers from Widener University, CASA Youth Advocates, Family Inc., Chester Made, Salvation Army, Chester Educational Foundations, Providence Meetinghouse, Media Fellowship House, and West Chester Friends School who were more than excited to help as they recently launched a successful campaign to ban single-use plastic bags in the West Chester Borough.



"Everybody can be great because Everybody can Serve".

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Spring is upon us but nobody is talking about that this year. It's all about COVID-19 and how it has turned our world upside down. As an introduction to our informative newsletter, I'll point out that it was mostly written before COVID-19 was upon us.

This edition was researched and written by Ciani Hodges and Thomas Jarrett. Both are college students, products of Chester and CHA programs. We could not be more proud of them. I'm sure you will appreciate their work on this and enjoy reading it.

If you have lost your job during this unfortunate period, I hope you have reported that to your housing administrator. Refer to the letters we have put out previously. The last thing you want is to fall behind in your rent. Please stay healthy and safe as this health crisis lingers. Thanks to all for your understanding and cooperation with the temporary ways we have to communicate.



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Enrichment Academy Childcare & Learning Center

“Early Education Foundation” and “Family Business” are two of the key principles for Trina Richardson, LPN, MSED, Director of the Enrichment Academy Childcare and Learning Center. Trina and her family, Traci Richardson, BSED, Tiffani Richardson, CDC, and Darrin Richardson Liaison of the Academy launched the Enrichment Academy in 2005. As each one of the Richardsons taught in Chester Upland they realized a need for better early education. They believed that early education foundation was the key to success. Since then they have been molding and shaping children for success. The Academy was originally located on 3rd and Central in Chester, PA. The Enrichment Academy relocated to the Ruth L. Bennett Homes also located in 2012.

The educators of the Enrichment Academy would like prospective parents to know they are willing to push the children of Chester past the present boundaries and circumstances so that they can succeed!

For more information visit their website at

www.weareenrichmentacademy.weebly.com



Learning in The Community

Interested in new training opportunities in your community? Career Starter Services can assist in helping you achieve your goals.

Day and Evening Classes are Available

Classes Offered: Medical Assisting– Administrative & Phlebotomy, and Computer Coding Classes.

Online Programs: Business Management, Human Resources Management, Medical Billing & Coding, Pharmacy Technology, Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Administration, and Criminal Justice.

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Financial Aid and Scholarships are available!

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**Classes are held online and onsite at
The Booker T. Washington
Community Center
611 Central Ave
Chester, Pa 19013**

ANUME Fitness Classes \$2 at the Booker T. Washington Center

611 Central Ave.

Monday Zumba

6:30 - 7:30pm

Tuesday Cardio Drum

6:00 - 7:00pm

Slaughter's Burnout

Boot Camp 7:00 - 8:00pm

Wednesday Cardio Drum

6:00 - 7:00pm

Thursday Zumba

6:30 - 7:30pm

Chester Made: Standing Tall

Do you have any children who are interested in learning how to stilt walk? Well, you're in luck! Chester Made is hosting a stilt walking class every Saturday from 1p.m. to 3p.m. at the MJ Freed Performing Arts Center located at 515 Avenue of the States in Chester, PA. So, hurry! Come join the fun as you learn about one of Africa's most prominent traditions!



Bennett Farm
Farmer's Market Every
Thursday
From
June - October
12:00 to 3:00pm
located at
1318 Carla's Lane
Bennett Homes
Pavilion

Ruth L. Bennett Community Farm

As Youth Coordinator of the Ruth L. Bennett Community Farm, Joseph "Joe Joe" Dukes Jr., helps with planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, working with volunteers, and many other daily operations. Dukes' most prominent work, however, is his work at

the farm stand. Every week from June to October, Dukes and the other farm workers host an estimated 100 guests. They provide them with low-cost, nutrient-dense and pesticide-free produce. Stop by this Summer and say hello.



Interesting facts about The Census

- The census provides vital information for you and your community.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for the future.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.
- Census forms and instructions have been mailed out. Please be sure to complete it and be counted!





Spotlight on Success

Elijah Williams, a 13-year resident of Chatham Estates proudly gleams with joy as he poses with his acceptance certificate. Williams, who is currently completing his final year at the Chester Community Charter School, was recently accepted to Cardinal O’Hara High School where he has plans on achieving academic excellence and joining the basketball team. Elijah credits his teachers at CCCS and his mother for leading him in the right direction. When asked why Cardinal O’Hara and not STEM at Chester Upland, Williams replied “because of the level of violence and delinquency which surrounds our community”. I want different, he continued! After successfully graduating from Cardinal O’Hara High School, Elijah plans to enroll at a Division I college or university such as Villanova or Penn State Universities, where he would like to join the basketball team on academic and athletic scholarships.

COVID - 19

Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19:

Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath, Sore throat, Diarrhea, Chills and Loss of taste or smell. Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Call ahead before you go to a doctor’s office or emergency room. Tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms. Simple things you can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings

fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.



Community Center Rentals

\$300

Ruth L. Bennett
Community Center

1350 W. 9th Street

Booker T. Washington
Center

611 Central Ave

Red Brick Café

514 Union Street

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